



SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

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HEARING NOTICE

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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON GASOLINE PRICES IN THE WEST

WASHINGTON, D.C.— House Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs Chairman Doug Ose (R-California) today announced that his Subcommittee will hold a field hearing in Nevada next Friday to examine the growing increases in gasoline prices in California, Arizona, and Nevada.

The hearing, entitled “Easing Pain at the Gasoline Pump: Finding Solutions for Western Woes,” will consider past, present, and future issues affecting gasoline supply and prices in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Additionally, the hearing will examine the effect of gasoline prices on consumers and on the States’ economies.

“Once again, gasoline prices are on the rise in California, Arizona, and Nevada, and have already surpassed the record prices set during 2003,” Ose stated. “These increases not only have a dramatic effect on the pocketbooks of consumers in the West but also have serious implications for the economic recovery and growth within the Western States.”

During the 107th and 108th Congresses, Chairman Ose held three hearings on U.S. gasoline markets. The most recent focused on the transition from methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) to ethanol in California’s gasoline. Additionally, he requested that the Energy Department’s Energy Information Administration (EIA) conduct a study on the gasoline price increases in California in 2003, which was published in November 2003.

The Subcommittee is expected to hear testimony from field experts, including:

- ◆ William Keese – Chairman, California Energy Commission
- ◆ Lynette Evans – Policy Advisor Regulatory Affairs, Office of Governor Napolitano, State of Arizona
- ◆ Richard Burdette – Energy Advisor to Governor Guinn, State of Nevada
- ◆ Sean Comey – Media Relations Representative, American Automobile Association of California, Nevada and Utah

**House Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and
Regulatory Affairs Hearing**

“Easing Pain at the Gasoline Pump: Finding Solutions for Western Woes,”

Friday, May 28, 2004

10 a.m.

Henderson Convention Center

Sierra Room

200 Water Street

Henderson, NV

-- Attached is a Briefing Memorandum for the Hearing --